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1999:
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Thursday, February 11 through Sunday February 14, 1999

Westin Atlanta North at Perimeter Mall
Atlanta, GA

Important Conference Dates:
Early Registration Deadline: **December 15, 1998**
Workshop and Paper Proposal Deadline: **November 22, 1998**
Advertising Copy Due: **December 15, 1998**
Hotel Reservation cut-off date: **January 21, 1999**
Guaranteed Registration Deadline: **January 21, 1999**

1999 NBLGLC Registration Application

Name: _____

Occupation/Field of Study: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Race: (Optional) _____ Gender Identification: (Optional) _____ Age: (Optional) _____

1999 Conference Rates

(Full registration includes all institutes, general conference, luncheons, awards banquet, and annual membership dues)

Registrations ***RECEIVED BEFORE*** December 15, 1998

- ❑ Full Registration: $200
- ❑ Daily Registration: $60 per day (please indicate which days)
  - ❑ Thursday, February 11, 1999
  - ❑ Friday, February 12, 1999
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- ❑ 1999 Awards Banquet Only: $60
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- ❑ Full Registration: $250
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- ❑ Annual Membership Dues: $10

Payment Method

Check/Money Order ***(No personal checks accepted after January 15, 1999)***

❑ VISA ❑ MasterCard Card number: _____

Signature: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Special Needs and Requirements

- ❑ Differently Abled (describe) _____
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  Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Register Today – Final date for guaranteed registration is January 21, 1999.

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Mail or Fax registration to:

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1612 K Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20006
Phone: 202.483.6786 • FAX: 202.483.4970

Membership Meetings and Regional Caucuses

At the annual membership meeting, Forum members will be updated on the organization's achievement of the 1998 goals, and learn plans for 1999. In addition, representatives from the Forum's nine regions will meet with their Board members to discuss the issues in their respective communities.

Conference Logistics

Hotel Information

Room Rates

Please note: During the February 12-14 weekend, Atlanta hosts a citywide convention that will make hotel rooms difficult to find. We strongly suggest making reservations at the Westin Atlanta North as early as possible. Exclusively for the 1999 NBLGLC, the Westin Atlanta North will offer the following room rates:

Single at **$99**/night
Double at **$105**/night
Triple at **$110**/night
Quad at **$115**/night

Only a limited number of rooms are available at this special rate, so make your reservations early. **All hotel reservations must be made by January 21, 1999 to guarantee the conference discount rate.** Call the Westin at **1-800-Westin1** or **770-395-3900 ext. 500** and be sure to mention the NBLGLF rate.

Community Housing

A limited amount of community housing is available on a first come, first served basis. Contact the Conference Coordinator at 202.483.6786 for more details.

Airline and Train Information

For special discount fares call United at 800.521.4041 and mention ***reservation code 547WG.***

Amtrak will offer 10% off the lowest fare available to Atlanta, GA from February 9, 1999 to February 16, 1999. To book space, call Amtrak at 1-800-872-7245 or contact your local travel agent. ***Make sure you refer to fare code X-21H-934 when making your booking***. This offer not valid on Auto Train, Club or Custom Class service.

Ground Transportation

To the Westin Atlanta North from Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport

Airport Connection shuttle company leaves the airport on the hour between 7am and 11pm. Rates are $19/one-way and $32/round-trip. Airport Connection is located at the airport outside the baggage claim areas in both the south terminal at stall 8 and the north terminal at stall 4 in the Ground Transportation Mall. Credit cards are accepted and tickets may be purchased at either stall. Airport Connection picks up at the Westin going to the airport on the hour between 6am (7am, Saturday and Sunday) and 5pm and by reservation after 5pm. Airport Connection recommends that you phone-in a reservation for the return trip from the Westin Atlanta North to the airport. For further information, contact Airport Connection at 770.457.5757. ***Those who register for the conference by January 21, 1999 will receive a coupon for $5 off the round trip fare.***

Conference attendees may also get to the Westin Atlanta ***North by taking the public transit system, MARTA.*** Board the Dunwoody Train at the airport to the Northside Medical Center Rail Station (1/2 mile from hotel) or Dunwoody Rail Station (3/4 mile from hotel). From the Dunwoody Rail Station, board the Concourse Shuttle to the hotel or contact the Westin Atlanta North at 770.395.3900 and summon the hotel shuttle; the Concourse Shuttle arrives every 15 minutes between 8am and 6pm, Monday through Friday. Taxi service is also available from the Dunwoody Rail Station.

Program Book Advertising and Vendor Space

There is a limited amount of Vendor Exhibit Space available. Organizations and individuals who wish to advertise in the Conference Program Book should contact the Conference Coordinator as early as possible to meet publication deadlines. For applications for Vendor Space or Program Book Advertising, please contact the Conference Coordinator at ForumConf@aol.com or call 202.483.6786. Don't Delay. Advertising copy is due by December 15, 1998.

Scholarship Information

A limited number of ***registration*** scholarships will be awarded. There is no assistance available to cover travel or lodging. Please contact the Conference Coordinator at ForumConf@aol.com or call 202.483.6786 to receive a scholarship application. Please note: applications must be returned by December 15, 1998.

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1999: When and Where We Enter

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In designing the 12th Annual NBLGLC theme, ***1999: When and Where We Enter***, we want to focus our attention on the manner in which we will enter a new millennium, full of, and ready to embrace, power and its inherent responsibilities. During 1998, the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum has hosted community forums in cities across the country in an effort to assess the status of our community. The 12th annual NBLGLC, therefore, provides an obvious opportunity to expand upon questions raised during these community meetings... and then do something... to move... to act... to try. Surely, this is a good time to sit down, act upon, and address the serious business of the acquisition of power.

The 1999 NBLGLC consists of four complete days of skills training, networking, capacity building and educational opportunities. Features include the new ***Literature Institute*** and the ***Health and Wellness Institute*** on Thursday. The power-centered ***Policy and Empowerment Institute*** on Friday, and the ***Conference Workshop Sessions*** on Saturday and Sunday finish the schedule.

Like each of the past eleven conferences, the 1999 NBLGLC provides an opportunity for lesbians and gay men of African descent ffrom across the U.S. and from around the world to meet each other. We want you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to assist in the development of the black LGBT agenda and to allow participants to gain personal, professional, and technical skills.

Make your plans to attend the 1999 NBLGLC today! For more information about what's in store, for workshop proposal, hotel and other information, please read ahead. If you have any questions, please contact the 1999 Conference Coordinator via phone, at **202.486.6786**, via email at ForumConf@aol.com or via the web at www.nblglf.org.

In Motion,

Debra Rose and Stephan Oxendine, Chairs– *National Conference Committee*
Kenyatta Dorey Graves– *Conference Coordinator*
Gail Booker and Eric J. Flavors, *Chairs– Atlanta Host Committee*
Willa J. Taylor, Chairperson– *Board of Directors*

The Institutes

Health and Wellness Institute
Thursday, February 11, 1999

The ***Health and Wellness Institute*** stresses the importance prevention plays in physical well-being and the deliberate maintenance of a healthy spirit. Formerly known as the AIDS/Healthcare Institute, the full day of workshops, health awareness displays and other activities will be dedicated to promoting sound health practices.

Workshops will provide the most recent information on research and treatment issues related to our community and the application of holistic health and homeopathic medicine. ***Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant,*** *Essence* Magazine columnist, will speak on spiritual maintenance in a joint luncheon with participants in the Literature Institute. And the afternoon will feature a national roundtable on health issues in the Black Community. The Health and Wellness Institute will close with the annual ***Celebration of Life,*** where we honor and pay tribute to thosewho have made the transition to be with the ancestors during the past year.

The Literature Institute
Thursday, February 11, 1999

Recognizing that cultural capital is traded in the written word and legacies are left to future generations through artistic expression, the new ***Literature Institute*** will help ensure that our community enters the new millennium sure of the power of its griots. The Institute will gather writers, literature scholars, and readers for a full exploration of the black lesbian and gay literary tradition.

The morning will begin with presentations by academics and writers on various aspects of black and black lesbian and gay literature and theory. This will be the ***first national*** gathering specifically dedicated to the experience of black lesbian and gay literature. The Literature Institute will join the Health and Wellness Institute for the luncheon keynote address by Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant. The afternoon sessions include ***workshops in poetry, fiction, playwriting and screenwriting, publishing, and a panel discussion to establish a national black LGBT press.*** The evening features an address by filmmaker ***Mohammad Camara,*** a screening of *Dakan,* Camara's feature film that engages homosexual love in sub-Saharan Africa, and ***Open Literature Readings.***

The Policy and Empowerment Institute
Friday, February 12, 1999

The newly structured ***Policy and Empowerment Institute*** fortifies the mission of building a stronger black lesbian and gay community. Formerly the Men's and Womyn's Institute, the Policy and Empowerment Institute is a daylong series of special emphasis sessions that build personal skills, develop organizational capacity and promote community growth. A variety of topics will be covered but the focus will be particularly directed toward issues of power acquisition, development, and extension.

The Conference

Saturday, February 13 and Sunday February 14, 1999

The Conference workshops provide education, skills building and personal development, covering a wide range of topics. The enhanced 1999 Conference will contain more workshops geared to building personal, financial, political, and emotional power in the black lesbian and gay community and building bridges to other communities. In recognition of the rich history of African-American activism in Atlanta, a number of prominent persons have been invited to participate in the conference. ***Keynote speakers include: Dr. Michael Eric Dyson,*** author of *Race Rules: Navigating the Color Line,* and *Between God and Gangsta Rap: Bearing Witness to Black Culture*; ***Rev. Irene Monroe,*** 1997 Bishop Carl Bean Award nominee and activist, lecturer, and author of "Louis Farrakhan's Ministry of Misogyny and Homophobia," and "The Ache Sisters: Discovering the Power of the Erotic in Ritual" among many other articles, and; ***James Earl Hardy,*** 1997 James Baldwin Award nominee and best-selling author of *B-Boy Blues, 2nd Time Around,* and *If Only For One Nite.*

Annual Awards Banquet
Each year, the Forum recognizes outstanding black lesbians and gay men at the Annual Honors Banquet and Gala, a highlight of the NBLGC. Attendees will marvel at the thrilling entertainment planned, featuring comedy, song and dance.

Request for Workshop Proposals & Call For Papers – Literature Institute

The planning committee for the 12th Annual National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Conference and Institutes, **1999: When and Where We Enter,** requests proposals for conference workshops. Proposals are now being accepted for workshops and presentations for the Health and Wellness Institute, Policy and Empowerment Institute, and Conference Workshops. Successful proposals will clearly address the spirit of the conference theme and endeavor to engage conferees in the identification, solicitation, and seizure of power in the lives of black LGBT.

In addition, paper and panel proposals are being solicited for the Literature Institute. Proposals should be representative of original scholarship, dealing with issues of literary criticism, poetic interpretation and performance, theatrical representation, or heuristic workshops. Possible papers or panels might address:

– assumptions and complications of black literature, black literary theory, and black literary history
– the production of black lgbt and sgl characterizations by white and/or heterosexual artists
– interracial relationships in black lgbt or sgl texts
– publishing and the establishment of a national black lgbt/sgl press
– folklore and material culture specific to black lgbt and sgl communities
– "reading" texts

A standard workshop session is ninety minutes. A double session is three hours and will be granted only in unusual circumstances.

Recognizing that "if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got," the planning committee will select and prepare a slate of workshops and presentations that challenge our positions and identifications, encourage our dreams, push our boundaries, and elevate aspirations; make no mistake– we go to Atlanta in 1999 to work!

Workshop Proposals must include the following:
Name, address, phone, fax, and email information of the primary presenter
A typed abstract (200 word maximum)
A program narrative (maximum 5 pages, typed)
A brief biography of each presenter

Proposals may be submitted in **Microsoft Word** or **Wordperfect** format and delivered by email (ForumConf@aol.com). Proposals may also be submitted on **IBM formatted diskette** via US mail (1612 K Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006). Questions, comments, or concerns may be directed to the Conference Coordinator (ForumConf@aol.com) or by phone at 202.483.6786.

Proposals must be RECEIVED by November 22, 1998

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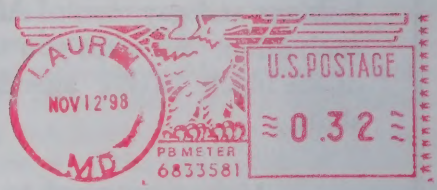

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THE NATIONAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION FOR BLACK LESBIANS

PRESENTS

National Black Lesbian Conference 2001

Date: APRIL 13-15, 2001

Place: ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The Conference Theme is *"Started with a Grain of Sand: And Still We Rise"* a metaphor that speaks to how we came from slavery to breaking down barriers in the Millennium. The conference will be a gathering of Black Lesbians from across the country coming together to network, and to create a space of empowerment and support.

There will be weekend long parties and activities for everyone.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE CONTACT

framsey@zunainstitute.org

Zuna Institute is a National Advocacy Organization for Black Lesbians that has four areas of concentration: economic development, education, public policy, and health. Its mission to combat homophobia, provide resources and training to improve economic stability, and advocate for public policies that affect Black Lesbians.

Through community organizing, training, and networking Zuna Institute will focus on eliminating barriers that Black Lesbians face within the black community based on sexual orientation.

For information on registration, vending, and hotel accommodations contact:

Zuna Institute
6114 La Salle Ave #527
Oakland Ca 94611
(510) 482-1671
(770) 633-1474
info@zunainstitute.org
www.zunainstitute.org

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National Black Lesbian Conference

Come and let your voice be heard as we set a national agenda

Come enjoy Workshops, Films, Card tournaments, Networking, and Parties

Get ready for hundreds of sizzling black sistahs from all across the country who will be in "Hot Atlanta"

Participant Information

Complete a separate form for each individual. Note: Nametag will be produced from information provided below. Your conference registration fee includes workshops, strategy sessions, brunch, and networking sessions.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Middle Name or Initial: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Address_____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Telephone: ( )_____ Fax: ( )_____ E-mail Address: _____

Please Note Needs:

{} Sign Language Interpretation {} Wheelchair Access {} Vegetarian Meal {} Other: _____

Payment Information

Early registration encouraged.

Registration fee Postmarked before February 15,2001: $125.00

All registrations received after February 15, 2001: $150.00

Payment Method

Conference registrants must pay by check or money order. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Zuna Institute. **Registrations without full payment will not be accepted.** (Returned checks will be charged $25 processing fee.)

My check or money order in the amount of $_____ is enclosed (payable to the Zuna Institute).

Enclosed is my $_____donation towards Conference scholarships.

Total Enclosed $_____

Scholarships are available to Seniors, Health challenged, Youth and those with financial hardships. Please submit no more than 1 page explaining why you need a scholarship. Scholarships cover Registration Fees only. Not all applications will be approved for scholarships. Deadline for scholarship applications is February 15, 2001. Cancellations must be in writing prior to March 15, 2001. Cancellations will be assessed a 50.00 processing fee, and will be refunded after the Conference.

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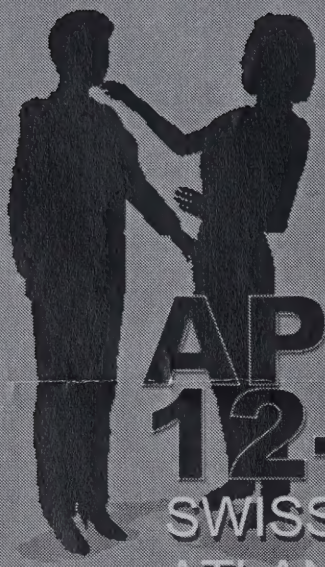

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